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From the Paris Gazette, dated July 19.

From the Camp before Vercelli, July 7.

THE parallel Line which takes in all the Front of the Attack being finiſh'd, the D. of Vendome order'd Saps to be made to poſſeſs himſelf of the 3 Angles of the Counterſcarp. He forbid any Lodgment to be made upon thoſe Angles, till the Mines the Beſieged had prepar'd there were diſcover'd. Wherefore the Miners were ſet to work, and the 2d inſtant they diſcover'd the Enemies Mine on the Right; they made another under it, and the third blew both up together. Our Men took Poſt in the Hole made upon the blowing up of theſe Mines, and the Night after lodg'd themſelves on the Angle of the Baſtion on the Right, whence the Enemies were driven by a great Fire of Grenadoes. They return'd along the cover'd Way, and incommoded the Workmen very much; but the two Companies of Grenadiers, of the Regiments of Vendome, and Beaujolois, mounted the Counterſcarp, and drove them off again with their ſmall Shot. The 5th two other Mines were diſcover'd, one at the Angle of the half Moon, and the other at the Angle of the Baſtion on the Left. The Night between the 5th and 6th our Men poſſeſs'd themſelves intirely of the cover'd Way, which the Enemies abandon'd, tho' it was very broad, to retire into their Traverſes on the Right and Left. We are working now to raiſe Batteries on the cover'd Way, to batter the Foot of the two Baſtions and the Curtain, and the Half Moon which is very low. The Enemies have put 200 Men into the latter, but we hope to diſlodge them by our Bombs and a Battery of four Cannon which have begun to fire. The Ditch is dry, except a ſhallow Trench in the middle of it. But there are great Breaches already in the Baſtions, which Breaches will quickly be made larger by the Fire of 40 Pieces of Cannon that are to be placed on the cover'd Way. The 4th a Bomb ſet Fire to one of the Magazines in the Place, which burnt all the Night after and part of the next day. A Deſerter from the Camp of Creſcentino reports, that the Enemies Troops ſuffer extreamly, that they are forc'd to have Forrage brought to them from Turin, and that there are frequent Quarrels between the Germans and the Piemontois. We have had but about 50 Men kill'd, and 250 wounded during the Siege. The Duke of Savoy came the 3d inſtant and yeſterday likewiſe, to take a View of the Poſt of Tricero, which the Duke of Vendome has caus'd to be fortified, and is defended by 2 Regiments of Dragoons, to keep a Communication with Trino, and with the Camp of Count Albergotti on the other ſide of the Po.

From the Amſterdam Gazette, dated July 15.

Turin, July 1. The News we have from Vercelli, is, that the Garriſon continue to defend themſelves vigorouſly, and that the Beſiegers have ſent a great Number of wounded Men to Cazal. The principal Officers in Vercelli have by conſent ſet up ſeveral Gibets in the Place, and have declar'd thoſe who ſhall talk of Surrendring ſhall be immediately hang'd up.

From the Amſterdam Gazette, dated July 22.

Turin, July 4. The Siege of Vercelli goes on but ſlowly, the Duke of Vendome being reſolv'd to ſpare his Troops as much as poſſible. The 1ſt inſtant at day-break the Enemy made an Aſſault upon the Outwork that covers the Baſtion of St. Andrew. The Governour had Intelligence of their Deſign, and therefore made Preparation to receive them accordingly. The Enemy made a very vigorous Attack; but the Beſieged defended themſelves with ſo great Bravery, that after 3 hours obſtinate Fight, the Enemy were oblig'd to retire, leaving on the Ground about 2000 Men kill'd, among them 2 Lieutenant Generals and ſeveral Officers.

From the Paris Gazette, dated July 19.

Paris, July 19. Letters of the 5th of this Month from the Blockade of Montmeillan ſay, that the Marqueſs of Marſilly who commands the Troops employ'd in that Service, has at length quite ruin'd the Stone Bridge on the Iſere with his Artillery. The 2d he ſurpriz'd and carried off one of the Enemies Corps de Garde, and the ſame day the Count of Durfort defeated a Party of 400 Men that ſallied out of the Place, killing above 50 of them with 2 or 3 of their Officers. In theſe Actions we had but 50 Men kill'd or wounded.

From the Leiden Gazette, dated July 24.

From the Camp of Monſieur d'Auverquerque *at* Marſin, July 21. The 19th the Baron de Trogne, by order of Monſieur d'Auverquerque, repair'd to Huy; where finding a Body of 4000 Men Horſe and Foot, with 4 Pieces of Cannon, he march'd the ſame day, in Order to take Poſt the Night following in the Enemies Lines near Heilliſſen, the Enemies Troops being all march'd up to Namur: Orders were given for detaching 100 Men out of each Battallion to ſuſtain Monſieur de Trogne, till the reſt of the Army could get up with him; but juſt when this Detachment was going to march, we learn'd by a Spy, that the Enemy had Intelligence of our Deſign, and had ſent Troops towards Heilliſen to prevent the Execution of it; on this Advice Monſieur d'Auverquerque immediately diſpatch'd an Expreſs to the Baron de Trogne, ordering him to retire; but the Baron ſending Word back that he had actually taken Poſt in the Lines and expected to be ſuſtain'd, Mouſieur d'Auverquerque march'd with all poſſible Expedition to joyn him; but in the March he met the Baron de Trogne, retreating before 15 of the Enemies Squadrons; which Squadrons at ſight of us, retir'd back to their Lines; after which our Army return'd hither.

From the Amſterdam Gazette, dated July 25.

From the Camp at Baſſevelde, July 20. The 14th the Generals order'd a Detachment of 200 Foot, ſupported by the Regiment of Dragoons of Walef, to take a View of the Enemy who were throwing up ſome Works near Ghent to cover that Town from a Bombardment; but the Peaſants employ'd in thoſe Works abandon'd them, and fled all away upon the firſt

firſt Diſcharge our Men made. The 15th a ſecond Detachment was made of 900 Fuſileers, 300 Grenadiers, and 200 Horſe and Dragoons, who march'd at 4 in the Morning, and in the Evening arriv'd at Sluys, whence they went between 9 and 10 a Clock to ſurprize the Fort of Beckaf, which is advantagiouſly ſituated on the Canal of Bruges; The Enemies were at work to make Additions to the Fortifications of it, tho' it was before ſurrounded with a dry Ditch and with Palliſodoes, and lay under the Cannon of Damme; there were 60 or 80 Men in the Fort, with a Captain and a Lieutenant; and 4 Battallions lay very near it. The March of our Men was very ſecret, and they got to the Fort at 2 a Clock in the Morning, Monſieur d'Edom, who was likewiſe detach'd from Sluys with 300 Men, having paſs'd the Canal, gave the Signal for the Attack; Whereupon Monſieur Fournier who commanded the Detachment that march'd from hence, aſſaulted the Fort on the other ſide, with 200 Grenadiers, which were ſupported by the Prince of Naſſau Saarbruck with 400 Fuſileers. At the firſt Diſcharge the Enemies abandon'd the Fort, which was firſt enter'd by Monſieur Fournier; ſome Detachments were ſent to purſue the flying Enemies, who pick'd up 12 or 13 of them. Our Men demoliſh'd the Fort. *P. S.* The Regiment of Pauw is embark'd at Sas van Ghent, where 184 Veſſels are got together, in order to carry ſome Regiments to the Army commanded by Monſieur d'Auverquerque.

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